

Notice of MB 18-184 / FCC 18-69 Ex-Parte Presentation

On Thursday, August 15, 2019 between 2:00 PM and 2:30 PM, Matthew Wesolowski of SSR Communications, Inc., and Carl Haynes of Commander Communications Corporation met via telephone with James Bradshaw, Senior Deputy Chief of the Audio Division of the Media Bureau, as well as Albert Shuldiner, Chief of the Audio Division of the Media Bureau.

Wesolowski and Haynes presented a revised potential engineering option for stations seeking to confer Section 73.215 status upon Section 73.207-licensed facilities. Wesolowski proposed, per the attached document, that an added 3 dB “buffer zone” be required of licensees asking for 73.215 status of an underbuilt neighboring station. The 3 dB buffer zone would allow licensees who felt that their affected station would be boxed in by the full implementation of the MB 18-184 / FCC 18-69 proceeding an opportunity to retain significant tower and antenna siting options, should the need arise to relocate in the future.

The parties also discussed a potential future FM allotment auction, as well as a nascent proposal to eliminate 3rd adjacent channel spacing standards for full power FM stations.

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